

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S354**

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TO:	The Honorable Glenn McConnell, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	Absentee Ballots		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:
See Below

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:
\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

The proposed Bill would amend several sections of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, related to absentee voting to allow any person qualified to vote in South Carolina to vote by absentee ballot.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

State Election Commission

The Commission estimates there will be a cost of approximately \$30,000 to include an on-line application to request an absentee ballot, which can be absorbed within funds provided for the statewide general election every two years.

Department of Corrections

The Department indicates this Bill will have a minimal impact on the General Fund of the State, which the agency can absorb at the current level of funding.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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